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Mr. George W. Forbes,
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My dear Forbes:

I don't know just why I had not thought of you in connection with book reviews until I saw your name in the REVIEW, but I didn't. We need you to take charge of book reviews in the CRISIS. I want one page of book talk: First a word about the Negro in the month's magazines and then a short, snappy estimate of two or three books. We cannot pay for this, but we can cover postage and paper at present; i.e. $2.50 a month. The other compensation would be the fact that you would reach at least 100,000 of the most intelligent colored people in the world. Our circulation is now 24,000 copies, and this is not big talk - its facts. Of course, I do not want to take you away from the A.M.E. REVIEW, but I suppose you could hardly do both things and make them enough different to suit the public. At any rate, I am laying the proposition before you. My best regards to yourself and to Mrs. Forbes.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
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